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To Whom it May Concern:

We have been informed that House Bill 5095 has been introduced in the Michigan Legislature. It is our further understanding that in the event that Bill is passed, two judges in the 41st Circuit will be eliminated by attrition.

All three of the undersigned have been active practitioners in the 41st Circuit for many years. While it is understandable that the State must cut down on the expenditures in the State, we nevertheless understand that the judicial budget within the State is a minuscule portion of the entire State budget. Eliminating two judges in this Circuit will not only work a hardship on the remaining judges and the practitioners but will cause significant delays in the handling of other civil and criminal matters to the detriment of the total population of the three counties in the 41st Circuit.

In the event the Michigan Legislature and the Governor feel it essential to eliminate some judges in the State, certainly the elimination of one judge in this Circuit by attrition more than fulfills this Circuit's obligation to the dire financial straits of the State.

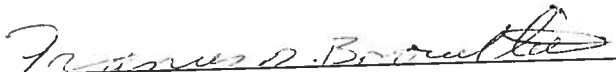
As we all know, the proposal is to eliminate 45 trial judges. If 9 of those trial judges to be eliminated come from Michigan's Upper Peninsula, that means that 20% of all of the judges eliminated will come from this Peninsula. That is patently unfair. The Upper Peninsula has about 2% of the State's population.

We urge you to eliminate the provisions in the Bill which remove judges from the 41st Circuit or, at a minimum, to reduce the loss of judges in this Circuit to one.

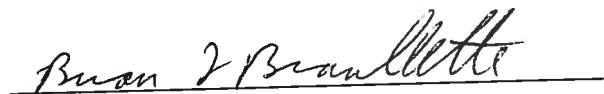
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